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CASE NO. 10406/49

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In re Application of:

J. Overton et al.

Serial No. 09/872,736

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MANAGING LOCATION
INFORMATION IN A NETWORK

Group Art Unit: 2152

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of each have been enclosed along with the form PTO-1449.

Except for the references marked with a bullet ("•"), all the references listed below and on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were previously cited or submitted in the

prior application 09/367,461 to which Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and therefore copies of these previously cited or submitted references are not provided in this application as permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d).

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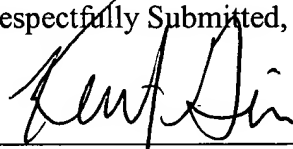
As of the day of filing of this information disclosure statement, a first office action on the merits has not been received by the undersigned. Accordingly, no fee for consideration of the information provided with this disclosure statement is included herewith, as permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). However, if an office action on the

merits is mailed on a date prior hereto, Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 23-1925 for the appropriate fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) for consideration of the information set forth in this disclosure statement.

Applicant requests to have these references included in the record of this application. Applicant further requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference.

Applicant does not represent any of these references to be prior art and Applicant reserves the right to disqualify any references by the showing of an earlier date of invention, if appropriate.

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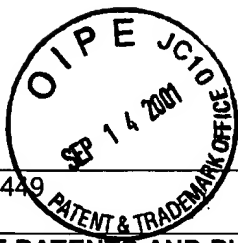


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